



Department of Health and  
Human Services

City of Long Beach

# Wildlife Watch What does it Mean?



## WARNING

**YOUR  
NEIGHBORHOOD HAS  
BEEN DESIGNATED AS  
A WILDLIFE WATCH  
AREA**



A Wildlife Watch designation is placed on a neighborhood or zip code to address the increase in human-wildlife conflict. This designation has occurred because reported wildlife incidents in your neighborhood or zip code have reached Level 4 or above:

1. Increase in wildlife on streets and in yards at night
2. Increase in wildlife approaching adults and/or taking pets at night
3. Wildlife on streets, and in parks and yards, in early morning/late afternoon
4. **Wildlife chasing or taking pets in daytime**
5. **Wildlife attacking and taking pets on leash or near owners; chasing joggers, bicyclists, other adults**
6. **Wildlife seen in and around children's play areas, school grounds, and parks in midday with children present**
7. **Wildlife acting aggressively towards adults or children in midday**

## How Will I Be Affected?

During this time, Animal Care Services will schedule increased enforcement activities in your neighborhood. This may include:

- An additional officer will be assigned to the area for patrol and assessment during reported high-activity times and locations and issues citations for violations
- Residents will be cited for free-roaming dogs and cats (unaltered), as well as informed about state laws regarding the feeding and harassment of wildlife
- License Inspectors will be canvassing your neighborhood to distribute education material, verify license and rabies information, and issue citations for violations
- Officers will collect reports regarding activity of wildlife and behavior of animal owners in designated area to share with county, state and federal wildlife agencies
- Information will be shared with Police Department, Environmental Health (restaurant inspection), School District (neighborhood schools) to increase patrols
- State Fish & Game Department will be notified of Wildlife Watch designation and pre-existing reports of coyote activity and workshop or assessment may follow

## What Must I Do?

Aggressive wildlife will be removed by USDA and State Fish & Game, only if preventative measures have first been implemented by a community. Preventative measures have been proven to reduce or eliminate the number of human-wildlife confrontations. You must:

- Never allow pets to roam and never leave small children unattended
- Create an inhospitable environment for wildlife
- Remove attractants (e.g. food, shelter and water) and keep pet food indoors
- Keep trash cans covered and secured at all times
- Clear brush from around the house and pickup fallen fruit



## How Do I Report an Incident?

Any incidents involving wildlife at Level 4 and greater (see list above) should be reported immediately to emergency services 9-1-1. Residents are encouraged to report all other wildlife-related incidents as described in Level 1 through Level 3 to Animal Care Services. This may be done in one of the following three ways:

- Phone: (562) 570-PETS (7387)
- Online: [www.longbeach.gov/acs](http://www.longbeach.gov/acs)
- Email: [animalcare@longbeach.gov](mailto:animalcare@longbeach.gov)

## CONCLUSION OF WILDLIFE WATCH DESIGNATION

At the discretion of the Director or designee, based on the totality of the situation and recommendations of the Wildlife agencies assessment, the Wildlife Watch designation may be lifted once the Wildlife Activity Level has been determined to have decreased to Level 3 or below.

### References:

*State Law: healthy wildlife should be left alone (CCR 679.(f)(4).*

*Feeding is also a form of harassment (CCR 251.1).*

**For more information, please contact:**

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